

at the Fourth SETAC World Congress and 25th Annual Meeting in North America, Portland, Oregon, USA, 15–18 November 2004, to stimulate continued interest in this area.

You are invited to submit **abstracts** for poster and/or platform presentations through SETAC's Online Abstract Submission System before 31 May 2004.

Targeted papers on the following specific topics are encouraged, but papers on additional topics will be considered:

- experiences with the different approaches for sustainable resource management (drivers, stakeholder engagement, impacts, verification, results, bottlenecks)
- research issues connected with extraction and production of resources (fisheries models, enhancement of biodiversity in farming practice, mining techniques, etc.)
- modelling of resource issues in the different tools (life cycle assessment, material flow accounting, comparative risk assessment, data normalisation)
- business case studies for integrated management of resources.

The aim is to publish the proceedings based on the keynote presentations, a selection of platform and poster presentations, and the discussions. Participants whose abstracts and posters have been selected will be asked to submit written contributions for the book for October 1st.

The intent of these sessions is to learn about tools and measures to enhance sustainable production and use of natural resources. A life cycle perspective is taken as starting point, investigating the influence of drivers along the whole extraction-production-use-waste management chains.

The resources sectors will include 1) forestry, 2) fishery, 3) agriculture, 4) minerals and metals, 5) fossil fuels and 6) water supply. The measures aimed at enhancing sustainability will be analysed and discussed from an environmental, social and economic angle. In the different sessions a number of fundamentally different approaches will be discussed. The focus will be on experiences obtained in different disciplines and on the use of the approaches that are applied.

Further information can be obtained on the websites of SETAC <http://www.setac.org/portland.html> and of the Life Cycle Initiative <http://www.unep.ie.org/sustain/lcinitiative/>.

UNEP/SETAC partners in the Life Cycle Initiative are AIST (National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology), Japan, Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment (ACE), Association of Plastics Manufacturers in Europe (APME), EcoRecycle Victoria, International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), General Motors, Governments of Canada, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland, and the CIRAIQ/ Government of Quebec.

Urgent Call for Papers

The Life Cycle Initiative plans to organise a session on

Global Responsibility

at the Electronics Goes Green 2004+ conference, Berlin, 6–8 September 2004

Abstracts are required until 6 March 2004* on the following topics:

- Global responsibility and opportunities in the greening of the supply chain
- Promoting sustainable production and recycling patterns in non-OECD countries
- Setting the infrastructure for integrated materials management of goods and materials
- Stakeholder engagement along the life cycle
- Collaborative models for capacity building

Approaches and ideas which specifically address the electronics industry as well as cross cutting solutions and projects will be accepted.

The electronics industry in particular is a global industry. Local and regional solutions require a globally applicable product design and use global value chains. Operating in increasingly integrated material and product loops offers a unique solution to not only providing markets with compatible solutions, but also offer a chance to significantly reduce the environmental footprint of the industry. Product lifespan extension in emerging economies, utilization of local market needs, utilize available and affordable labour forces and creating wealth and capacity in developing countries may serve as a way to make industry more sustainable and successful. Both the supply side and the product end of life management need to be considered in this global industry. Intelligent solution support the demate-

rialization and material throughput and help creating markets and build wealth. Critical success factors include knowledge management, capacity building, developing infrastructure.

A session focussing on a solutions oriented approach towards product life cycle management and stewardship combined with sustainable production and consumption considerations, support the industries aspirations and the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative's mission in a perfect manner. The aim of this particular session is to offer approaches and develop ideas how economic viable and sustainable solutions can be developed.

If you are interested in contributing to the session, please send your abstract for oral presentations and posters to the secretariat of Electronics Goes Green at egg2004@izm.fhg.de with copy to sc@unep.fr before 6 March, 2004*.

The abstracts (up to 1 page A4 format) should contain

- conference topic
- title
- names of authors
- affiliations
- address and e-mail of the corresponding author.

Both oral presentations and posters will be published in the proceedings in a length of up to six pages (A4).

You can find more information on the conference at www.egg2004.izm.fhg.de

* Late abstract submission for this session on 'Global Responsibility': 26 March 2004